The Detailed Feasibility Report for the project at an estimated cost of Rs. 7584.51 crore (3rd quarter 2002 price level) has been prepared. The NTPC has initiated the process of International Competitive Bidding for supply of Liquified Natural Gas/Gas for Kayamkulam.

Hike in power tariff

†366. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power tariff has been increased by the Electricity Boards in the various States of the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the names of these State Electricity Boards or institutions; and

(c) the percentage of the increase in power tariff for the consumers in each of the State separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hike in domestic electricity rates

367. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to increase domestic electricity rates for various categories of consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether it is a fact that introduction of power reforms has made no impact on the distribution of power and if so, corrective steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Under the Electricity Act, 2003 the tariff of power for various categories of consumers is to be determined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.